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FRENCH DEBT SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY

SPEAKERSHIP IN OHIO HOUSE SOUGHT BY FOUR

House Republicans to Caucus in Columbus December 18.

Taft Candidate For Floor Leader Opposed To Harding

Columbus, Dec. 2.—Republican members of the house of representatives will caucus here Dec. 18 or 19, according to Representative Harry D. Silver of Preble county, ranking member of the house, who polled the membership, and the majority is said to favor either of these dates. Republican senators will caucus Wednesday, Dec. 10.

There are four active candidates for the speakership. They are Gilbert Morgan, attorney of Cleveland; Harry D. Silver, farmer; Allen C. McDonald, attorney, Dayton, and Robert L. Rohr, newspaper manager of Tiffin. Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati, author of the tax bill bearing his name, has announced his candidacy for speaker pro tem, which carries with it the position of majority floor leader. The other avowed candidate is Justin W. Harding, Warren county.

Announcement of Senator G. M. Kunkler of Preble county that he is not a candidate for president prompted the senate, which carries the majority floor leadership, apparently leaves Senator Joseph R. Gardner without opposition for the position. Neither John E. Maynard nor Joseph E. Cross, clerks of the house and the senate, have announced opposition for re-election. Edward E. Hughes, assistant clerk of the house and parliamentarian for the legislature, also is unopposed.

There are a dozen candidates for sergeant-at-arms in the senate, as follows: C. W. King, mayor of New Lexington and former state senator; David A. Liggett of Logan county, also a former state senator and unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant governor; Dr. Morton W. Bland of Columbus, former state registrar of vital statistics; A. C. Baxter, former state fish and game superintendent; Dr. C. J. Nichols of Marion, Frank McCullough of Bellefontaine; F. M. Ackerman of Lake county, a former sergeant-at-arms; Rev. J. W. Carroll of Delaware; C. H. Teach of Columbus; Jesse Cochran of Columbus, F. M. Everts of Norwalk and Harry D. Knob of Marietta.

Dr. Alfred Robinson of Ironton, present sergeant-at-arms of the house, will be opposed by John D. Thomas of Columbus, his third assistant. Both were candidates two years ago, Robinson winning out.

State Highway Budget.

The Ohio Good Roads federation and the state highway department, with the co-operation of local road officials, have completed a statewide survey of highway conditions, and results of this survey are being compiled into a definite budget for presentation to the general assembly.

At meetings held in key cities of the 11 divisions of the highway department, local officials were asked to make suggestions as to improvements on state highways, surfacing, resurfacing, widening, grading, bridges, elimination of grade crossing and needed new roads. Estimated costs of these improvements were submitted by representatives of the federation and the highway department, and recommendation of the state agencies were made. After exchanges of views, agreement was reached on virtually every improvement suggested in counties of the state, according to W. A. Alsdorf, executive secretary of the federation.

Hitherto the highway department has submitted its budget in more or less of a lump sum. The legislature has appropriated a certain amount and the highway department has constructed as much road as the appropriation would permit. This time, however, the legislature will know that when it is appropriating, say \$5,000,000, the money will be used to build so many miles of road here, so many there, to eliminate this grade crossing and that grade crossing, to resurface this road and that road. The needs of the state's roads will be placed before the solons item by item, and they will judge whether the state can afford to provide remedies.

Brown Files Appeal.

Cleveland, Dec. 2.—Bishop William Montgomery Brown, convicted of heresy by an Episcopal tribunal here, filed his grounds of error. The appeal will be heard by a court of review here Jan. 13.

FUNDING PROPOSALS NOW EXPECTED FROM BELGIUM AND ITALY ALSO. IT IS SAID

Mellon to Confer With Ambassador Jusserand Soon Jusserand Authorized to Negotiate Working Agreement for Payment

Washington, Dec. 2.—With negotiations for settlement of the French debt of over \$4,000,000,000 already underway, high treasury officials anticipated today that some funding proposals may shortly be received from Italy and Belgium, two other principal debtors.

If France finds a way to fund her debt it was assumed that Belgium, intimately allied with France both politically and economically will follow suit. Belgium owes this government about a half billion dollars.

Italy is in an excellent economic condition. With her private industries improving, Mussolini has been able to balance its budget and place

This Eternal Triangle Proved Fatal.



MR. & MRS. Z. E. SOUTHERN

Z. E. Southern, thirty, entered the office of R. E. Mack, president of the Golden Gate Vandeventer Company, of Los Angeles, where his pretty wife, Violet, nineteen, was employed, and shot Mack to death while Mrs. Southern looked on. Southern pleaded the unwritten law.

PROHIBITION HEAD DISSATISFIED WITH TOLEDO SITUATION

State Action May be Sequel Of Recent Liquor Raids

Columbus, Dec. 2.—It was stated at the capitol that State Prohibition Commissioner B. F. McDonald is not satisfied with the situation at Toledo and state action is a possibility.

It is known Commissioner McDonald conferred with Governor Donahay, but he would make no comment concerning whether or not he might ask the governor to take action. He intimated, however, that he was displeased with the efforts of the Toledo prohibition enforcement officials and that he might make a statement in regard to the Toledo situation within a few days.

State prohibition inspectors made 85 purchases in Toledo during a few days spent there more than a week ago, they said. It was also learned that 67 arrests resulted from the raids which followed the procuring of this evidence.

Officials see in this alleged condition a situation similar to that in Canton which led to charges against the mayor and safety director and their subsequent removal by Governor Donahay. Although McDonald refused to comment on this possible course the somewhat analogous situation is believed to be significant. Criticism by local officials of the state prohibition department and its method of trying cases in other than municipal courts is also understood to be behind the department's recent raids and activities in Toledo.

Will Soon Ship British Locomotive to U. S.



J. F. WHEATLEY

J. F. Wheatley, of the London & North Eastern Railroad of England, is shown as he sailed from New York for London, where he will arrange to ship the first English-built locomotive ever sent to the United States. It will be placed on exhibition in June at the new Bear Mountain, N. Y. bridge.

Jusserand has been authorized to negotiate a preliminary agreement with the United States. The ambassador told Secretary Mellon that he desired to take back to his government at least the basis for a funding agreement.

Secretary Mellon does not anticipate any definite agreement before Jusserand of France. More definite though he hopes for a working foundation of an agreement.

Since France has taken the initiative in the negotiations it was assumed at the treasury that she sees a way in which a funding treaty may be carried out.

Secretary Mellon believes the agreement must be reached with France independent of reference to the German reparations situation. The American debt, it was pointed out, was predicated on no outside factors.

The commission has discussed the possible reaction in Great Britain should France be granted more favorable terms, as to interest and time of payment than were accorded the British. It was the opinion that France will get no material advantage over any other debtor.

Taxes paid by railways have doubled during the last 10 years. In 1913 the railways paid to the federal government and to the states a total of \$118,386,859. In 1923 the amount had grown to \$331,915,459. That the totals were still mounting was indicated when the taxes for the first six months of the present year came to \$162,083,697, or \$44,000,000 more than for the whole year of 1913. It is estimated that the present rate of taxation is approximately 10 per cent of all income derived by railways through their freight business.

In 1913 the federal government collected approximately \$10,000,000 in railroad taxes. Last year the amount was \$77,000,000. The states which collect the heaviest taxes are New York, Pennsylvania, California and Illinois, though all states collect something from the lines.

In 1922, for the first time in history, the total amount of dividends fell below the total amount of taxes. In that year the railroad's tax bill was \$301,000,000, while the dividends paid were less by nearly \$30,000,000, or \$271,576,000.

Railways, unlike other businesses, are taxed on their investment rather than on their earnings. This the railroad officials regard as unfair and cite the excess of taxes over dividends as proof of their argument.

Complaint is also made of the restriction of railway earnings, a problem other corporations do not have to contend with.

MORTIMER SWEARS HE WAS PROMISED PART OF PROFITS

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Testifying at the trial of Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former head of the Veterans' bureau, Elias H. Mortimer, special agent of the department of justice, said he was promised 35 per cent of the contractor's profits in the erection of government hospitals.

Mortimer said he acted as Washington agent for the firm of Thompson & Black, a St. Louis contracting company, and was active in getting the hospital contracts for his employers.

His share of the profit was to be 35 per cent, he said. Colonel Forbes and John W. Thompson of the St. Louis firm appeared in court as defendants.

They are charged with defrauding the government of huge sums of money. James W. Black, Thompson's former partner, is dead.

Mortimer testified that Thompson and Black offered Forbes the position of director of their oil projects in Colombia. "Mr. Forbes turned down this offer," the witness said, but he went on to tell of numerous meetings between Forbes, Thompson, Black and himself at which the matter was discussed. Once, he said, Forbes went to New York and held several conferences with the St. Louis men in their hotel suite. The witness testified it was he who paid Forbes' hotel bill on this trip.

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HENRY BROWN DIES NEAR CEDARVILLE

Henry Brown, 65, for twenty-eight years sexton at the Massies Creek Cemetery, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Barlow, on the Yellow Springs Pike, near Cedarville, Monday night at 7 o'clock. Mr. Brown's death was the result of a malignant growth. He had been ill a year last August.

He was born in Enon, O., September 22, 1859 and resided in Greene County about forty years. His wife preceded him in death twelve years.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Cedarville. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bernard Potter, Springfield; Mrs. William Irwin, Dayton and Mrs. George Barlow, Cedarville.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Barlow home, with interment in Massies Creek Cemetery.

JAMESTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harnount of Delaware and Miss Mary Zeiner of Cleveland spent Thanksgiving with their father, Al Zeiner, returning to their homes, Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ridgeway of Cedarville, Miss Lukins of Dayton and Mr. Bruce Leveck were also dinner guests of Mr. Zeiner on Thursday.

Miss May Harper had the misfortune to fall as she left the Opera House last Monday night after the lecture and break her left arm above the wrist. Indications are that the injury will heal without serious trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Carpenter, Mrs. Carrie Bargill and Miss Belle Neiberger went to London last Wednesday afternoon, where they were the guests until Friday morning of their sister, Miss Jeanette Neiberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mendenhall and their foster children Sarah and Robert of Akron are visiting their mother Mrs. Eliza Robinson. On Thursday a family dinner was enjoyed at the home of Warren Robinson with the following present: Mrs. Eliza Robinson Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson and daughter, Mary Alice, Mr. and Mrs. David Paulin and daughter Lelia, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Robinson and Mrs. Warren Robinson.

Mrs. Margaret Crain who has been here at the home of her brother, Al Zeiner for some time, is in such poor health that she was taken to the private hospital of Mrs. Whittington, in Xenia, last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. L. S. Farquhar and his family spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Farquhar's parents at Pleasant Ridge. Miss Eloise Farquhar will spend the week end with her aunt, Miss May Farquhar at Richmond, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tresslar go on Tuesday to Kalamazoo, Mich., where they expect to remain for a couple of weeks while Mr. Tresslar is treated for goitre.

Carl Buckles and family were in

Columbus for Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Thorpe. Marion Thorpe came home with Mr. Buckles for a short visit while Mrs. Buckles and children remained in Columbus for the remainder of the week.

Warren Robinson will move into the property owned by Ed Irvin and John Collette into the Alice Dingess property the first of the week. Dr. Haines has already begun to dig a cellar and will make extensive improvements in the Robinson property which he recently purchased.

Miss Ruth Turnbull, who teaches at Amelia, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Turnbull.

The ladies of the Methodist Church have arranged a supper for next Friday night, Dec. 5th. The main item on the menu will be roast beef and browned potatoes. There will be also salad, pie, ice cream, cake, etc., served in cafeteria style.

Mr. Ernest Thuma and family enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner in Washington C. H., with Mrs. Thuma's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nye Gregg.

Mrs. Frank Zeiner and daughter, Marguerite, and Mrs. W. F. Harper and daughter, Mary Frances spent Friday in Washington C. H.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pryor, Robert and Orleah Pryor of Folansbe, W. Va. spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Amminus. Rev. Pryor is a former pastor of the Christian Church here.

Mr. J. A. Thuma is recovering from a severe cold but Mrs. Thuma is still quite ill with cold bordering on pneumonia.

Mrs. C. R. McDill, Miss Dena McDill and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walhall took Thanksgiving dinner with the family of Mrs. McDill's daughter, Mrs. James McEntyre of New Burlington.

Mrs. D. J. Kilbourne and son Donald of Newark, N. J., left Thanksgiving

evening after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barnes.

REAL ESTATE

The Osborn Removal Company to Clement J. Logsdon, property in Osborn Village, \$1.00.

James O. Flax and Mary E. Flax, real estate in Ross Township, Bath Twp., \$1.00.

The Fielder Improvement Co., by C. F. Snediker and D. G. Romspert to Alex D. Williamson, real estate in Fairfield, \$1.00.

Tillie M. Sheehan, Howard J. Sheehan, Pauline Sheehan, Ralph C. Sheehan and Helen Sheehan to William Edward Blair and Robert M. Blair, real estate in Spring Valley Twp., \$1.00.

The Osborn Removal Company to M. L. Stewart, real estate in Osborn Village, \$1.00.

Augusta C. Ashbaugh, and Marie Ashbaugh to Dewitt T. Batdorf and Jessie S. Batdorf, real estate in Byron Village \$1.00.

Etta E. Womble, Emma Z. Milder, Melissa Van Cleef and James H. Womble to Xaherina N. Argirou, city property \$1.00.

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5 Large Size Turkish Towels, 35c quality	\$1.00
2 1-2 yd. Table Linen, 49c quality	\$1.00
4 Baby Blankets (Pink and Blue), 35c quality	\$1.00
4 yd. Table Oil Cloth (White), 30c quality	\$1.00
5 yd. Sateen Assorted Colors, 25c quality	\$1.00
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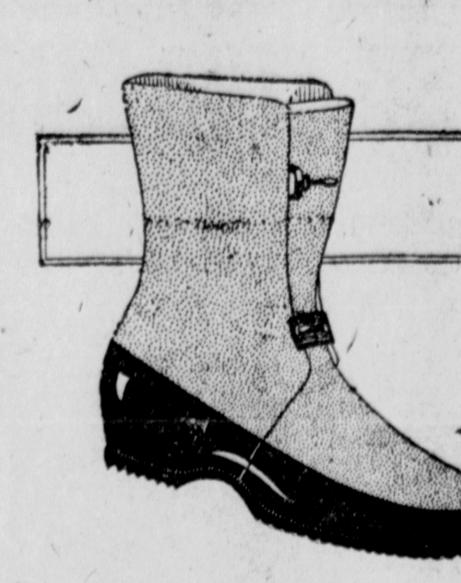
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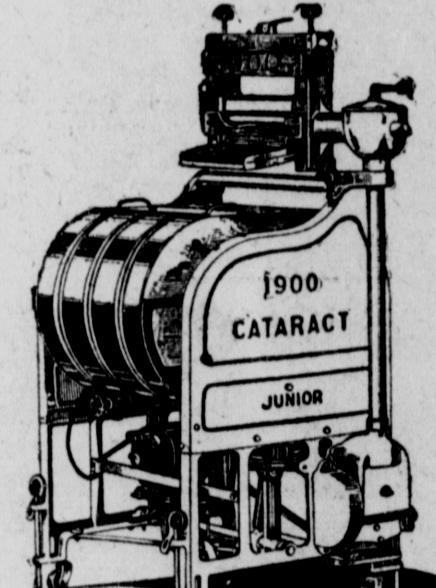
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PLANS FOR DANCE LAID BY SORORITY

Plans for the Christmas night dance at the Elks' Club, were completed by Alpha Theta Chapter, Delta Theta Tau Sorority, at the meeting held at the home of Miss Dorothy Hickman on West Main Street, Monday evening. Miss Hickman was assisted by Mrs. Russell Halstead.

Jack Flotro's eight piece orchestra, from Dayton, will furnish the music for the dance. The same orchestra was engaged for the May Day dance and other affairs of the sorority and is popular here.

Miss Betty Reutinger was initiated into the sorority, during the meeting. A social time and refreshments followed the business meeting.

MARRIAGE OF FORMER XENIAN ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Brewer, of Terre Haute, Ind., are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia, to Mr. Lester O. Shepard, son of Mr. John Shepard formerly of this city, that took place, August 14, 1924 at St. Paris, Ind. Both are graduates of Garfield High School of Terre Haute, Ind. The romance began a year ago.

Mr. Shepard is the manager of the Lee Shepard Orchestra which has been broadcasting for the last two months. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard will be at home to their many friends at 365 B. R. R. E., White Oak, a suburb of Terre Haute.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY AT BONE HOME TUESDAY

Sunday School teachers and officers of the First M. E. Church will be entertained at the home of Superintendent C. A. Bone, 646 North King Street Tuesday evening. The meeting will be of a business and social nature, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. F. W. Stanton will give a talk on the Men's Council meeting recently held at Columbus, and Mrs. A. C. Terrell will give a talk. A radio program will be enjoyed during the evening through the courtesy of Mr. White of the Anderson Piano Company.

EVENING PARTY AT TORRENCE HOME

Mrs. Ward Birch, of Stamford, Conn., the houseguest of the Misses Florence and Margaret Steele, who is being feted with a group of charming affairs during her stay in the city, was honor guest at an evening party given by Mr. and Mrs. Findley M. Torrence at their home on North King Street, Monday evening.

Guests for several tables of bridge were entertained and the evening spent informally.

BRIDGE PARTY FOR MRS. SCOTT

Mrs. Lewis Gregg entertained Monday afternoon with seven tables of bridge at her attractive home on Union Street, complimenting Mrs. Ruth Scott, bride-elect of this month.

Bouquets of pink roses centering each table and used in tasteful arrangement about the rooms, formed the decorations.

Mrs. James D. Adair, Mrs. S. O. Hale and Mrs. J. O. McDorman, won the score prizes. Mrs. Scott was given a handsome guest prize. Luncheon followed cards.

BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT PARTY

In celebration of her eighth birthday, Little Marie Truesdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Truesdale of Cottage Grove Avenue, entertained fifteen of her playmates at her home, Saturday afternoon.

The youngster presented Marie with dainty gifts and spent a jolly time with games. Refreshments were served.

Miss Norma Kneel of this city is spending several days with her parents in Spring Valley.

Dr. George David, Mr. L. W. Anderson and Mr. William Peterson returned Sunday from a six weeks' hunting trip in Northern Canada. The party brought home two moose and a buck deer.

Miss Charlie Santmyer has returned to her duties in the office of the Espy Hospital, after being ill for several weeks with pneumonia.

Mr. J. C. Williamson, North Detroit Street, is spending several days in Chicago attending the International Live Stock Show.

Members of the Travel Club enjoyed dinner at the home of Mrs. J. Robert Bryson, on the Clifton Pike, Monday evening. The club members spent the evening in an informal social way.

Mr. Edward Hilliard underwent a tonsillectomy operation, at the offices of Drs. Messinger, Monday.

Mrs. Robert Siek and son Bobby, of North West Street, have returned from a visit with relatives in Terre Haute, Ind., over the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Misses Rose and Florence Engilman, students of Ohio State University spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Engilman of West Main Street.

Dr. A. C. McCormick and his daughter, Dr. Anna McCormick are attending the Ohio State Dental Convention in Dayton, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Wright of the Steven Road entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of her husband's birthday the following: Mr. and Mrs. Layton Wright, Mr. Birch Wright, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Wright and Mr. Bennett Myers of Xenia.

All members of the St. Agnes Guild of Christ Episcopal Church are urged to attend the meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Shaffer, 231 North Galloay Street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Plans will be completed for the Christmas sale of the society, December 13, at Sohn's Drug Store.

PROSECUTOR KING TO HEAR REPORT IN SHEATSLEY DEATH

Columbus, Dec. 2.—County Prosecutor King and his staff of assistants investigating the Bexley furnace mystery were to meet today with Dr. A. M. Brundage, pathologist and C. F. Long, chemist, to receive and consider the report of the scientists.

The report was expected to settle definitely whether Mrs. Addie Sheatsley wife of Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, committed suicide or was murdered and her body stuffed into the parsonage furnace, where it was found almost incinerated more than two weeks ago.

Prosecutor King indicated the contents of the report will be withheld until the investigators have united in the acceptance of either the suicide or murder theory.

Mr. Robert Kelble has accepted a position at Jobe's Brothers Store, as assistant to Mr. Karl B. Bloom. He entered his position last week.

Little "Buddy" Kepler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Kepler, North Detroit Street, has been ill with the mumps.

Mr. E. R. Coleman, Cincinnati, district freight agent and Mr. F. W. Nash, assistant general freight agent, also of Cincinnati, both connected with the Pennsylvania railroad company, were business visitors in Xenia Monday.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Kestle of Bellefontaine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thor Charters of East Second Street during the Thanksgiving holidays. They returned to their home Sunday afternoon.

Charles Proudfit, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Proudfit, has returned to his school studies, after being confined indoors ten days with the grippe.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Second U. P. Church will hold its regular luncheon Wednesday morning at the church. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon, followed by the program, the main feature of which will be an address by Mrs. D. W. Cosley, on her tour of the continent and the Holy Land.

Mr. Ernest Hutchison, of the Clifton Pike and his son, Mr. Kenneth Hutchison of Muskingum, have entered Angus cattle in the International Stock Show at Chicago and are attending the exhibition. Messrs. Harper Bickett and Edwin Bradfute of this county are members of the stock judging team from the Ohio State University, at the show.

Mr. Paul Boxwell, student at Ohio State University, returned to Columbus, O., Sunday afternoon after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boxwell of West Second Street.

Miss Olive Benbow, student at Wilmette College has returned to her studies after the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Benbow of North Galloway Street.

Mrs. Guy Pond and son Max of Washington C. H., were weekend guests of Mr. Marper Hartsook and family, south of Xenia.

Mrs. F. F. Filson of North Detroit Street is confined to her home with an attack of grippe.

Mr. Jack Brusk of Dayton, fiance of Miss Rose Engilman was the guest of Miss Engilman and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Engilman, of West Main Street, Thanksgiving.

The public is cordially invited to attend the piano recital of Miss Ruth Flatter's pupils, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Friends Church, this city.

FEDERAL CONDUCT OF CAMPAIGNS URGED

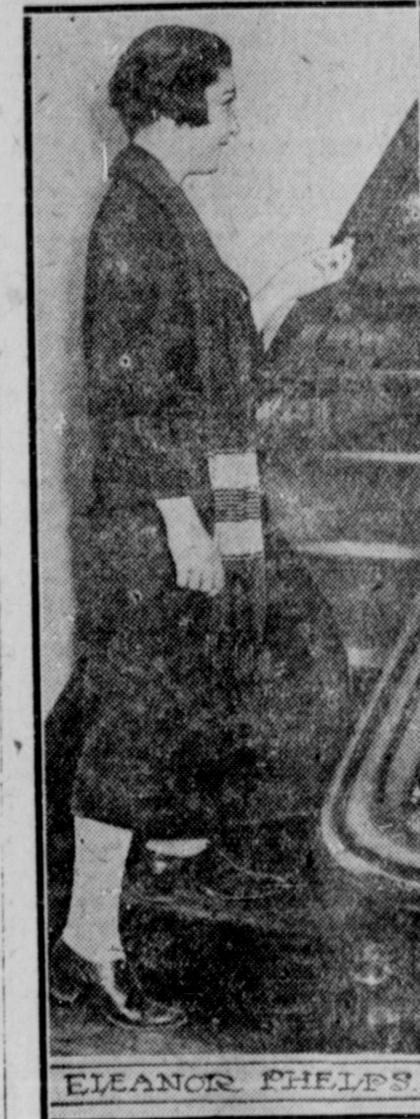
Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Caraway of Arkansas, a Democratic member of the special senate committee which investigated campaign expenditures during the recent campaign, proposes conduct of future national political campaigns completely at the expense and under the control of the federal government. Senator Caraway said he would offer his proposal for consideration by the Senate as part of the committee report. He declared he believed it the duty of the national government not only to restrict campaign expenditures, but likewise to assume full charge of the campaign, allowing appropriations for expenditures in educating voters on the issues. He would restrict the amount to less than \$1,000,000 for each party, he said, but he has not yet worked out the details of the plan.

Must Justify Charge.
Columbus, Dec. 2.—The Logan Gas company was ordered by the utilities commission to prove a proposed service charge of 75 cents a month in 71 Ohio cities and villages is justifiable. The company filed schedules providing for the service charge a month ago. The commission set Jan. 8 as the date for determining whether it is justifiable, and ordered that the company should not charge or collect it until the commission has made its ruling. Subscribers affected by the proposed charge number 92,500.

Red Outbreak Squelched.
Berlin, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Revel, Estonia, announces the suppression of a communist outbreak in that city, in which 13 persons were killed and two score wounded. The reds made a futile attempt to seize general staff headquarters and public buildings. A large number of communists were placed under arrest.

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Vassar Students Measure Extent of Exertion.



ELEANOR PHELPS

Miss Eleanor Phelps, of Baltimore, Md., a student in Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is shown here, with watch in hand, ready to run upstairs, as part of her studies. The watch will measure the extent of energy or exertion entailed in mounting the steps rapidly.

SCHOOL CHILDREN DEPOSIT NEARLY \$200

Deposits of school children of the Xenia City Schools who have entered into the saving plan adopted by the City Board of Education, recently, amounted to \$190.64, last week, according to C. A. Waltz, city superintendent of schools.

About 75 per cent of the children of the city schools are saving their money under the plan. There is one 100 per cent room, that of Miss Flora Leach, at Lincoln School, where every child in the room has deposited. Indications are that the number of depositors this week will be equal to last, according to Mr. Waltz.

Girl Bandit Convicted in Bank Robbery.



MRS. CHRIS HAMEY, JR.

Mrs. Chris Hamey, wife of a notorious bank robber who was killed by Illinois police last year, has been convicted in Wichita, Kansas, of complicity in the robbery of the Rock State Bank last January. Her sentence is from five to ten years in State's prison.

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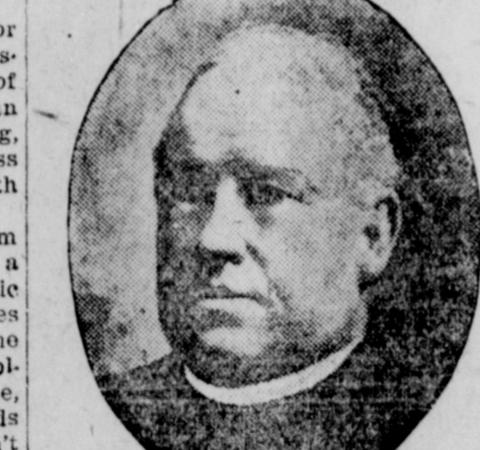
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HERE AND THERE

One woman was killed, a child was probably fatally injured and more than a score of other passengers were injured slightly in a rear-end collision of two Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains at the Englewood station, Chicago.

Three children of Admiral Dreisbach, Ruby, Charles and Earl, were buried to death when fire destroyed their home at Bethlehem, Pa.

Mrs. Gladys Work, 25, was killed, her husband badly cut about the head, and their son, Bedford, 20 months old, probably fatally injured by an assailant with an ax in the home at Paola, Kan.

Mrs. Arcesta North, 47, is under arrest at Broken Bow, Neb., following the confession of Frank Bruner, 47, in which he is said to have admitted that he murdered his wife by placing poison in her tea. Mrs. North is charged with being an accessory to the crime.

Back Broken.

Columbus, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Lulu Brooks, 31, suffered a broken back when an automobile which was being driven by the woman's husband skidded on an icy roadway south of the city and turned over.

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TINSEL CARDS MUST BE IN ENVELOPES

for mailing if not enclosed in an envelope. Because of the postal ruling which makes such matter unmailable for the reason that it is hard to handle, since the adhesion easily breaks off, causing endless trouble to postal employees, Postmaster Rice said. We have no alternative but to throw tinsel cards into the trash.

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EAGLES ARRANGE GOOD WRESTLING SHOW FOR TUESDAY

A mat card of high interest has been arranged by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, for Tuesday night at the Eagles Hall, Main and Whiteman Streets, with three wrestling bouts of high order comprising the program.

The main go is between George Gassoff, of Massillon, and Harry Kilonis, of Norfolk, Va. This bout will go two out of three falls, each fall to a finish. Both mat men are well known to local fans and as the question of superiority is still in doubt, this welterweight match should go the limit of three falls.

The semi-final match will see Jim Miller, a welterweight from Chicago, Ill., going up against newcomer in Sid Benson, also a welterweight of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Both men are said to be artists at the wrestling game and the performance of Benson will be watched with interest.

The third bout, between Elmo Anderson and Wilbur Strowbridge, both high school boys, will go fifteen minutes to a decision.

The first match will start at 8:15 o'clock Monday night with the same admission price of 50 cents being charged.

MANY MEMBERS AT TRAFFIC CLUB MEET HELD HERE MONDAY

The regular meeting of the Miami-Valley Traffic Club held Monday evening at the Elks' Hall, was attended by about 125 members and was voted the largest and most successful meeting ever held in Xenia if not in the history of the club.

J. C. Harraman, attorney examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who has participated in all of the proceedings in the recent express rate case, was well qualified to speak on his subject, "The Express Rate Structure and Zoning Systems," and delivered a fine address, which was the principal feature of the meeting.

H. T. Ratliff, of Hamilton, president of the club, presided at the meeting. There were no other speakers nor business transacted at the Monday meeting.

George B. McClellan, song leader at the National Cash Register Company, Dayton, led the members in song with Robert Cline, also of the N. C. R. Company, at the piano. J. J. Wheatley, of Cincinnati, sang a solo.

A chicken dinner was served the guests by Jacob Kany of this city, at 6 o'clock.

Express agents in this territory and district officers, in charge of William Fiel, of Dayton, general agent, attended the meeting because of the discussion of the express rate case, and to hear the talk by Mr. Harraman.

COUNTY SEAL SALE HAS BEEN STARTED

The Christmas Seal Sale in the county outside of Xenia has been arranged for by the chairman for that work, Miss Jennie M. Thomas. The seals have been distributed to the various executive heads of the county schools, who have supplied their teachers and the sales will be made largely by the children.

The proceeds of the sales will be used for the improvement of conditions conducive to the health of the children.

MODISH MITZI—Famous Gowns For Famous People

FORTY CANDIDATES RESPOND TO COURT CALL AT CENTRAL

Forty candidates answered, Coach John Ballantyne's first cage call Monday at the Central High School gymnasium, among whom were a number of veterans and letter men from last year's squad.

The squad will be cut almost immediately to about eighteen men announced Coach Ballantyne so that the men showing the best capabilities may get in a full month's practice before the first game with Piqua here, January 9.

Lumbering up exercises and practice in handling the ball comprised the first night's practice, and a talk on the fundamentals was given the recruits by the coach. Uniforms were given the players, and the coach announced that explanations of the new rules will be in order during the rest of the week.

Only eight games have been scheduled thus far, and a majority of the home games, five in number, are scheduled for Friday. Efforts will be made by the coach and faculty to have all the Friday games shifted to Saturday while other contests will be scheduled for Friday so that the team may have two games a week.

Eight or nine more games will be scheduled, excluding the tournament in Dayton March 6 and 7, declared Coach Ballantyne.

The schedule arranged to date follows:

January 9—Piqua, here.
January 16—Greenfield, there.
January 23—Eaton, here.
February 30—Middletown, there.
February 6—Morain Park, here (tentative).
February 13—Miamiburg, here.
February 20—Roosevelt, there.
February 27—Troy, here.
March 6-7—Dayton tournament.

Caught in a Belt.

Wadsworth, O., Dec. 2.—William Kellar, 35, living near Creston, was killed instantly when his clothing caught in a belt connected with a motor on his farm. His 5-year-old son looked on, powerless to aid him, though Kellar called to him to shut off the motor.

WILL SPEAK HERE

R. G. Patterson, secretary of the State Anti-tuberculosis Society will be the speaker at the joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, Tuesday evening at the Elks' Club. Music will augment the program following the club dinner.

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By Jay V. Jay

DOG LICENSES ARE READY TO BE ISSUED

at the prayer service Wednesday night.

Mrs. Harry Conneff and Miss Helen Hurley will sing a duet.

Issuance of 1925 dog licenses will be started Monday by R. O. Wead, county auditor.

All dogs should have licenses by January 1, it is declared, and the usual drive will be made to clear the city of canines not so equipped.

Last year 3,367 licenses were issued, a number slightly below average.

The prices of the licenses are \$1 for male dogs and \$3 for female dogs.

A. A. Adopts Schedule.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 2.—The American association at its annual meeting adopted its 1925 schedule, which calls for 168 games, opening April 14 and closing Sept. 27, with seven off days inserted for traveling purposes.

Milwaukee will open at Louisville, Kansas City at Indianapolis, St. Paul at Columbus and Minneapolis at Toledo.

The prices of the licenses are \$1 for male dogs and \$3 for female dogs.

SPECIAL SUBJECT

Dr. F. W. Stanton, pastor of the First M. E. Church will speak on the subject "Bishop Henderson's Plan For Building as Evangelistic Church"

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.05 inc. per week in 50 weeks amounts to	\$ 63.75
.10 inc. per week in 50 weeks amounts to	\$ 127.50
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A play is a play to the Goofos. He is not particular as to who made the gown the star wears as long as "she looks all right." But Mitzi and Polly are more exacting. (By the way notice that Mitzi is wearing a gown with a ribbon hanging from the shoulder.)



Polly is frankly interested in the another act the heroine wears a morning dress of crepe. It has the popular flat front and back effect with a great deal of fullness on the sides. The fullness, by the by, should always be given by a flare—at least that is the newest way of getting this silhouette.

Again our heroine appears. Not Mitzi, this time, but the charming young woman who wears a velvet frock. The collar is very small and ties with velvet ties. The blouse is very tight about the hips—and the skirt is very full. Famous clothes for famous people! And now Mitzi will go shopping to find a gown just like it!

BUNDY WANTS LARGE FUND INCREASE FOR NORMAL DEPARTMENT

Richard Bundy, superintendent of the combined normal and industrial department at Wilberforce University, asks for an increase of \$494,965 or 132 per cent, in his budget request to the next general assembly.

The department has cost the state \$374,271 during the last two years. In the next biennium, \$869,236 is asked. Increases in salaries all along the line, including a boost in his own salary from \$4,000 to \$5,000, is asked by Bundy. For salaries, \$298,300 is sought compared with \$178,960 at present.

"These increases seem necessary if teachers and employees of satisfactory qualifications are to be engaged and retained," Bundy says in justification. "Other schools are in competition with us for a high-grade personnel."

For maintenance, \$178,116 is sought. The maintenance cost in the last two years was \$89,961.

The largest item in a building program amounting to \$392,820, compared with the present appropriation of \$105,350, is \$60,000 for a new swimming pool and completion of the gymnasium. Other building projects and their costs are: horse barn, \$18,000; greenhouse, \$7,000; six cottages, \$45,000; remodeling of superintendent's residence, \$6,500; garages, \$10,000, and sewage disposal plant, \$25,000.

Second Fume Victim Dead.

Ottawa, O., Dec. 2.—Fumes from a hard coal stove in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ash at Leipsic, near here, caused the death of the second victim, Mrs. Ash, 70. Mr. Ash, 74, died of the fumes Saturday. A defective flue and an open door of the hard coal stove are held responsible for the double tragedy. Mrs. Ash never regained consciousness.

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BAD BREATH Comes from Biliousness

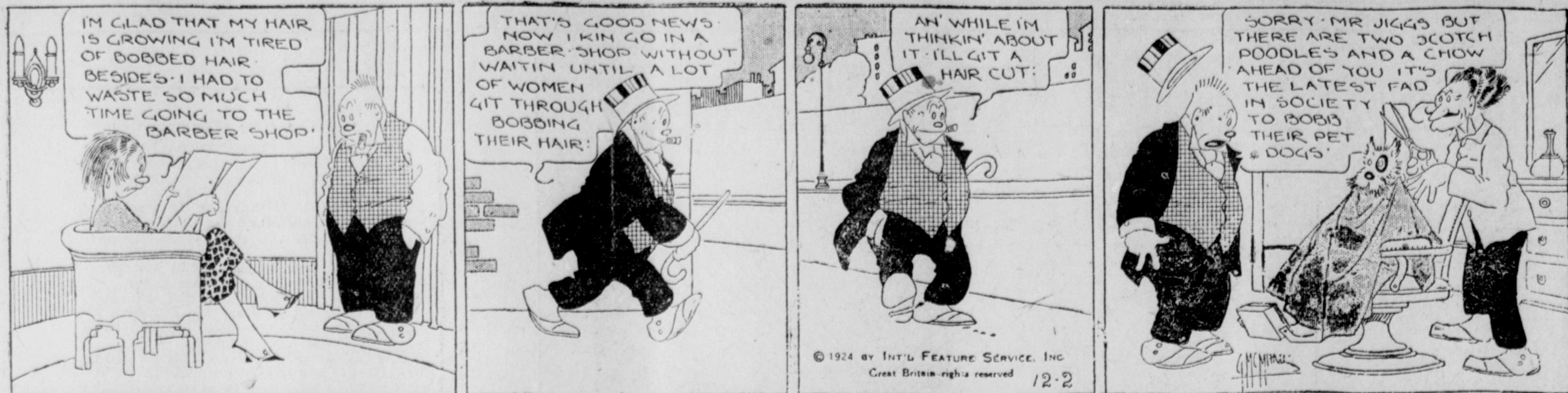
So does a bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, dull headache, and unhealthy yellowish skin, these symptoms all tell the story of a disordered system and your immediate need of a purely vegetable corrective to prevent infection and a sick spell.

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By
Victor Rousseau

Jean shook her head. "It is all part of the past," she said. "One can't cancel the past. One must just carry it with one and try to profit by it. You know that, John."

"You do not love me, Joan."

She turned her face away; tears that filled her eyes came from the depths of her being. Lancaster took both her hands in his.

"You love me, Joan?"

"Too well to wrong you and myself," she answered. "Too well to let our love build a wall between us. So well that I would rather let the spiritual bond remain, rather than our love."

He drew her toward him, and she remained with her cheek resting against his, with his arms about her. She could not stir. A strange physical lethargy seemed to hold her limbs, but her will was unshaken.

"Your last word, Joan?" whispered Lancaster.

"No, dear," she answered.

The humorous look that came at such odd moments into Lancaster's eyes flickered there now. "Your very last?" he asked.

"O, don't ask me to deny my resolution," she said.

She released herself and stood beside him. As she did so she had a sensation as if her feet rested on a cushion of air. Her physical weakness was matched by her sense of instability; she longed with all her heart to lean within the arms outstretched toward her; she knew that, if she had given Lancaster life, he could give her the strength of life; he was of her own people, and all that was chivalric and dear in the land she had loved seemed embodied in him. And before her she saw the closing hospital walls of some far distant city: she must exile herself from everything that she had known.

"You little stubborn thing, Joan!" said Lancaster tenderly. "But I shall go on loving you."

"I shall love you, John."

"I shall hear from you sometimes?"

"Yes. And I shall remain in Avonmouth until your battle is won. But there will be no battle. They know that they are beaten. You will never be weak again."

"No," said Lancaster. "But, O Joan, if you had said 'yes' to me it would have been so easy."

With the maternal feeling that is part of every woman's love for the man she loves, she stooped and kissed his forehead.

"You must try to sleep now," she said. "I shall leave the revolver with you, and you shall lock your

door."

"I am not afraid of them," he answered. "They can do nothing. Joan, keep it to assure you of your own safety."

That seemed the better way. There was nothing that the pair could do to Lancaster. If they aimed at anyone it would be she. She saw that, and she went out without speaking to Lancaster again. In the hall she breathed more freely. It was ended now, and she knew that she had done the right thing, the only possible thing. But Lancaster had not surmised the terrific woman's battle which she had fought during those last few minutes.

She stood in the hall for a few moments in uncertainty. She did not mean to sleep, but to lie awake with her door open, resting, and listening for any movements in the house. But, though her brain was awake, she was more tired than she had ever been in her life. She could hardly drag her limbs upstairs, and again she had that sense of walking on air. Under the little burning lamp she stopped again to gather strength to go to her room. The ticking of the clock in the hall below was the only sound in the house. She strained her ears to catch the sound of voices from Myers' room, but she could hear nothing. Yet the men could not be asleep. They must be planning together.

The silence in the ramshackle old building was a ghastly one. It seemed to hide innumerable thoughts, as if those of all who had ever lived within its walls survived, breaking upon her brain in invisible waves. She felt enmeshed in a web, as the dreamer who struggles to wake himself from the horrors of nightmare. The wind had gone down, and the raindrops dripped rhythmically from the eaves.

Joan had an intense inclination to surrender, to run back into Lancaster's room, cry to him to help her, to let her fight beside him as long as they lived. And the silence, which was becoming more terrific every moment, was unmistakably malevolent.

She reached her room and tried to shake away her fears. She went to the window and leaned out. The night was clearing, and a delicious air blew in from the hills. Not a light was to be seen in Millville or Lancaster. And she wept again, heartbroken. It was all ended, that peace which had begun to inclose her, and all her hopes, and all that love within was bound up so intimately with the idea of home.

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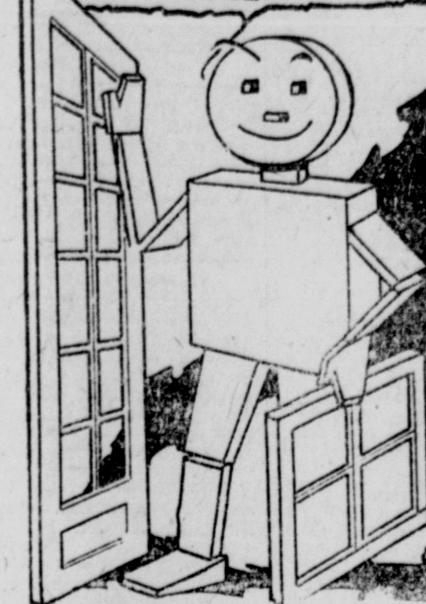
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